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Report of the Secretary General

Summary

Unexpected delays occurred in the process of filling the remaining vacancies in the Interpretation Section at the United Nations Office at Nairobi. Appropriate measures have been taken and by the end of 2003, the Section will be completely staffed with Nairobi-based staff members.

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1. The present report is submitted in accordance with section IV, paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 57/283 B, wherein the General Assembly notes with concern that the Arabic and English Units in the Interpretation Section at the United Nations Office at Nairobi are not yet fully staffed, and in this regard reiterates its request to the Secretary-General contained in section IV, paragraph 9, of its resolution 56/242 to fill expeditiously the remaining vacancies and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

2. As of the date of the present report, the Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish Units are fully staffed and one of the three posts in the English Unit and one of the four posts in the Arabic Unit are still vacant. The recruitment process for the vacant post in the English Unit is well under way and the vacant post in the Arabic Unit will be filled by an interpreter to be chosen from the roster of successful candidates in the competitive examination scheduled to take place in July 2003.